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1. THERE FOLLOW STATION ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS IN REF.
2. ENEMY NOW HAS ABOUT NINE REGIMENTS SUPPORTED BY F
ARMOR AND ARTILLERY IN POSITION NORTHWEST AND WEST OF HUE.
THERE ARE INDICATION HE MAY BE ABOUT TO LAUNCH ATTACKS
ALONG MY CHANH DEFENSE LINE.
3. ENEMY UNITS IN KONTUM CITY AREA SUFFERED HEAVY
LOSSES DURING RECENT ATTACKS AND WE CONSIDER IT VERY
UNLIKELY THAT HE CAN RENEW OFFENSIVE THERE WITHIN 30 DAYS.
4. MOST ENEMY ACTIVITY IN MR-2 LOWLANDS HAS BEEN IN
TWO NORTHERN DISTRICTS, BINH DINH PROVINCE. DURING NEXT TWO
OR THREE WEEKS WE EXPECT ENEMY PRESSURE TO CONTINUE AND HE
MAY GAIN ALL OF PHU MY DISTRICT. WE DOUBT VC/NVA WILL ATTACK
FURTHER SOUTH INTO ROK CAPITAL DIVISION AO.
5. ENEMY IS CAPABLE OF RENEWING HARASSING ATTACKS IN
PHUOC TUY PROVINCE AND MAY ELECT TO DO SO, BUT NO SIGNIFICANT

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VC/NVA ACTION ANTICIPATED DURING NEXT THREE WEEKS.

6. ELSEWHERE IN MR-3 ENEMY IS CAPABLE OF ATTACKS IN WESTERN PROVINCES OF REGION BUT THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS THAT HE INTENDS TO TAKE RISK OF HEAVY CASUALTIES BY MASSING TROOPS FOR SUCH ACTIONS IN NEXT THREE WEEKS.

7. THREAT TO SAIGON REMAINS ESSENTIALLY AS STATED IN STATION ASSESSMENT 4 MAY (FVS-29,563)

8. ELEMENTS OF NVA 7TH AND VC 9TH DIVISIONS WERE LOCATED IN BINH ⁰LUNG PROVINCE AS OF EARLY TO MID-JUNE. PRISONERS INDICATE BOTH DIVISIONS TOOK VERY HEAVY CASUALTIES. LOSSES FOR NVA 7TH MAY BE AS HIGH AS 75 PERCENT BUT DIVISION ELEMENTS STILL SUCCESSFULLY INTERDICTING ROUTE 13 SOUTH OF AN LOC. VC 9TH DIVISION MAY BE ONLY 30 PERCENT EFFECTIVE AT THIS TIME.

9. VC 5TH DIVISION WAS MOVED FROM BINH LONG PROVINCE, WHERE IT SUFFERED HEAVY CASUALTIES, TO SVAY RIENG PROVINCE, CAMBODIA IN LATE MAY. UNIT HAS RECEIVED SOME REPLACEMENTS AND NOW HAS TWO ELEMENTS IN NORTHERN KIEN TUONG PROVINCE WITH REMAINDER IN CAMBODIA. VC 5TH PROBABLY BADLY HURT IN KIEN TUONG PROVINCE FIGHTING PAST TWO WEEKS AND CURRENT

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STRENGTH NOT KNOWN.

10. ENEMY HAS EQUIVALENT OF THREE DIVISIONS IN NORTHERN DELTA OR JUST ACROSS CAMBODIAN BORDER. HIS INITIAL THRUST INTO KIEN TUONG PROVINCE WAS TURNED BACK WITH HEAVY CASUALTIES BUT VC/NVA HAVE CAPABILITY OF ANOTHER ATTEMPT AT ANYTIME.

11. IN SOUTHERN DELTA ENEMY HAS FOUR REGIMENTS IN CHUONG THIEN PROVINCE AREA BUT THERE IS NO GOOD EVIDENCE HE INTENDS TO LAUNCH MAJOR ATTACKS DURING NEXT THREE WEEKS. MAIN THRUST OF ENEMY EFFORT THUS FAR HAS BEEN TO SECURE AND EXPAND LOGISTICS CORRIDORS. NVA 1ST DIVISION ATTACKS IN CHAU DOC AND KIEN GIANG PROVINCES BEATEN BACK LAST MONTH WITH HEAVY LOSSES. DIVISION HAS HAD TIME TO REFIT AND MAY NOW BE READY FOR NEW ATTACKS IN THIS AREA.

12. VC/NVA HAVE FORCES AVAILABLE WHICH COULD BE USED FOR SURPRISE THRUST TOWARD PHNOM PENH BUT WE HAVE NO INDICATIONS HE INTENDS TO DO SO AND THINK IT MORE LIKELY HE WILL CONCENTRATE ON EFFORTS IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

13. ARVN IS CURRENTLY PLANNING A COUNTERATTACK IN MR-1 TO RECAPTURE QUANG TRI CITY. ATTACK SCHEDULED FOR LAST WEEK IN JUNE. NO MAJOR OFFENSIVE ACTION PLANNED BY

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ARVN IN OTHER REGIONS DURING NEXT THREE WEEKS. HOWEVER, THERE ARE PLANS TO SHIFT 21ST DIVISION INTO EITHER THE DELTA TO RESUME PACIFICATION OR DIRECTLY INTO SVAY RIENG PROVINCE, CAMBODIA, DEPENDING ON ASSESS^{ME}MENT OF ENEMY COMBAT STRENGTH IN THAT AREA. FIFTEENTH REGIMENT, 9TH ARVN DIVISION, IS ABOUT TO BE RELEASED TO ASSIST IN PACIFICATION EFFORTS IN DELTA.

14. ALTHOUGH ARVN MARINES HAVE HAD RELATIVELY EASY TIME IN PROBES IN SOUTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE, THERE REMAINS SERIOUS QUESTION WHETHER ARVN CAN MOUNT FULL STRENGTH OFFENSIVE IN THAT AREA WITHOUT RISKING THE DEFENSE OF HUE. AN ANY CASE, A DRIVE TO RECAPTURE ALL OF LOST TERRITORY IN THE NORTH IS NOT FEASIBLE WITHIN NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS.

15. ALTHOUGH THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION ABOUT SERIOUS LOSSES SUFFERED BY ENEMY, NORTH VIETNAM FORCES STILL RETAIN INITIATIVE AND ARE CAPABLE OF TACTICAL SURPRISES IN SEVERAL AREAS. WE DO NOT BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT ANY OF THESE SURPRISES ARE LIKELY TO LEAD TO STRATEGIC BREAKTHROUGH.

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16. COS HAS SEEN GENERAL ABRAMS REPLY TO IDENTICAL QUESTIONS ADDRESSED TO HIM BY DOD AND ALTHOUGH HIS MESSAGE IS COUCHED IN SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT TERMS FROM OURS, WE TAKE NO ISSUE WITH THE SUBSTANCE OF HIS REMARKS.

17. BECAUSE OF TIME FACTOR, ABOVE WAS NOT COORDINATED WITH AMBASSADOR BUNKER; HOWEVER, MESSAGE WILL BE SHOWN TO HIM AT FIRST OPPORTUNITY. GP-1.

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*Submitted questions on what offensive actions enemy may be able to undertake over the next two or three weeks.